

(13) Burns/Harkin Amendment No. 3691, to direct the Health Care Financing Administration to determine reimbursement rates for telemedicine services.

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Rejected:

(1) Jeffords Amendment No. 3679, to establish a minimum amount that may be applied as an aggregate lifetime limit with respect to coverage under an employee health benefit plan or a group health plan. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 74), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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(2) Harkin/Baucus Amendment No. 3683, to reduce health care fraud, waste and abuse. (By 62 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 76), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Withdrawn:

Brown Amendment No. 3678 (to Amendment No. 3675), to provide equitable relief for the generic drug industry.

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Specter Amendment No. 3682, to reauthorize and expand the healthy start program to target areas in need and to implement community driven strategies to reduce infant mortality.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on final passage of H.R. 3103, House companion measure, to occur on Tuesday, April 23, 1996.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Arthur Gajarsa, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Lawrence E. Kahn, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Walker D. Miller, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—77)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:15 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, April 19, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3691.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from James Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Paul W. Johnson, Chief, Pearlie S. Reed, Associate Chief, Thomas A. Weber, Deputy Chief for Natural Resource Programs, Richard L. Duesterhaus, Deputy Chief for Soil Science and Resource Assessment, Sherman L. Lewis, Deputy Chief for Management and Strategic Planning, and Robert K. Reaves, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, all of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Dennis L. Kaplan, Deputy Director for Budget, Legislative, and Regulatory Systems, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, April 23.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to authorize multiyear contracting for the C-17 aircraft program.

Also, committee began consideration of S. 1635, to establish a United States policy for the deployment of a national missile defense system, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CBO ECONOMIC FORECAST

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to review the Congressional Budget Office economic and budget outlook for fiscal years 1997 through 2006, after receiving testimony from June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

SPECTRUM USE AND MANAGEMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine Federal policies with regard to the use and management of the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum, receiving testimony from George Gilder, Discovery Institute, Seattle, Washington; Nicholas Negroponte, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Peter Huber, Manhattan Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; Janice Obuchowski, Freedom Technologies, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director of the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration, and Philip Verveer, Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Harrell Freeman, Radiophone, Inc., Metairie, Louisiana; Harold O'Dell, Leflore Communications, Inc., Greenwood, Mississippi; and Randy P. Parker, Tenneco Energy, Houston, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST PLAN

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee held hearings to examine issues with regard to the draft supplement to the revision of the Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan, the first forest plan completed under the requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976, receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Phil Janik, Regional Forester, Region 10, Tom Mills, Station Director, Pacific Northwest Experiment Station, and Gail Kimbell, Forest Supervisor, Tongass National Forest, all of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, who were accompanied by several of their associates.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard L. Morningstar, of Massachusetts, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Advisor to the President and to the Secretary of State on Assistance to the New Independent States (NIS) of the Former Soviet Union and Coordinator of NIS Assistance, Kenneth C. Brill, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Day Olin Mount, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Morningstar was introduced by Senator Kerry.

EXPANDING U.S. EXPORTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the impact of a balanced Federal budget on the international business environment, focusing on the role of U.S. government programs and policies in promoting international exports and investments, after receiving testimony from Willard A. Workman, United States Chamber of Commerce, James H. Andrews, M.W. Kellogg Co., on behalf of the Coalition for Employment Through Exports, Joel L. Johnson, Aerospace Industries Association, and Kenneth Hobbie, United States Feed Grain Council, all of Washington, D.C.; and Allen J. Lenz, Chemical Manufacturers Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nomination of Robert E. Morin, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

H.R. 1880, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building", in lieu of S. 1443, Senate companion measure;

H.R. 2262, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, Alabama, as the "Holk Post Office Building";

H.R. 2704, to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located on the 2600 block of East 75th Street in Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building";

S. 1080, to provide additional stock index investment funds for the Thrift Savings Plan under the Federal Employees' Retirement System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1577, to authorize funds for fiscal years 1998 through 2001 for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission;

H.R. 1508, to require the transfer of title to the District of Columbia of certain real property in Anacostia Park to facilitate the construction of National Children's Island, a cultural, educational, and family-oriented park;

H.R. 1271, to protect the privacy of families by requiring parental consent for certain types of information asked of minors in Federally funded surveys and evaluations;

S. 253, to repeal certain prohibitions against political recommendations relating to Federal employment, and to reenact certain provisions relating to recommendations by Members of Congress; and

S. 1579, to streamline and improve the effectiveness of the Single Audit Act of 1984 to promote sound financial management, including effective internal controls, with respect to Federal awards administered by non-Federal entities, with an amendment;

Also, committee established the following new subcommittee:

Subcommittee on Financial Management and Accountability: Senators Thompson (Chairman), Cohen, McCain, Brown, Glenn, Pryor, and Dorgan.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the impact of the proposed Teamwork

for Employees and Management Act (S. 295), which allows for employers and employees to meet together to address issues of mutual interest as long as their organizations do not engage in collective bargaining, on small business, receiving testimony from William D. Budinger, Rodel, Inc., Newark, Delaware, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Chester McCammon, Universal Dynamics, Inc., Woodbridge, Virginia; Donna C. Gooch and Harold L. Pascoe Jr., both of Sunsoft Corporation, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dennis Rampe, Precision Litho, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Printing Industries of America, Inc.; Edward E. Potter, Employment Policy Foundation, Washington, D.C.; G. Roger King, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource

Management; James R. Rundle, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and Owen E. Herrnsstadt, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INDIAN PROGRAMS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee continued oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1997 for Indian programs, receiving testimony from Ada E. Deer, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; and Gerald N. Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3267–3280; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 172, H. Con. Res. 164–166, and H. Res. 406–407 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2754, to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement, amended, (H. Rept. 104–524, Part I);

H.R. 2594, to amend the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act to reduce the waiting period for benefits payable under that Act (H. Rept. 104–525);

H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 104–526); and

H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge (H. Rept. 104–527).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Quinn to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Tribute to the Late Ronald H. Brown: By a ye-and-nay vote of 423 yeas, Roll No. 124, the House agreed to H. Res. 406, in tribute to Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown and other Americans who lost their lives on April 3, 1996, while in service to their country on a mission to Bosnia.

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Anti-Terrorism: By a ye-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 126, the House agreed to the

conference report on S. 735, to prevent and punish acts of terrorism—clearing the measure for the President.

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H. Res. 405, the rule which waived all points of order against consideration of the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 289 yeas to 125 noes, Roll No. 125. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a ye-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 124.

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Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of April 22.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H3583.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and one record vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3598–99, H3604–05, H3605, and H3617–18.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 708 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.